

each unit and the provisions of the airspace management plan, operational rule, or Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR), if any, with respect to each unit are accurately displayed on aeronautical charts.

(d) FLIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall carry out a study of the feasibility and advisability of requiring that commercial air tour aircraft operating in the airspace over units have onboard an automatic flight tracking system capable of monitoring the altitude and ground position of the commercial air tour aircraft.

(2) DETERMINATION BY ADMINISTRATOR.—If the Administrator determines under the study required under paragraph (1) that the use of flight tracking systems in commercial air tour aircraft is feasible and advisable, the Administrator and the Director shall jointly develop a plan for implementing a program to monitor the altitude and position of commercial air tour aircraft over units.

(e) NATIONAL DATA BASE FOR COMMERCIAL AIR TOUR OPERATORS.—The Administrator shall—

(1) establish and maintain a data base concerning all commercial air tour aircraft operated by commercial air tour operators that shall be designed to provide data that shall be used in making—

(A) determinations of—

(i) the scope of commercial air tour flights; and

(ii) accident rates for commercial air tour flights; and

(B) assessments of the safety of commercial air tour flights; and

(2) on the basis of the information in the data base established under paragraph (1), ensure that each flight standards district office of the Administration that serves a district in which commercial air tour operators conduct commercial air tour flights is adequately staffed to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 8. EXCEPTIONS.

(a) FLIGHT EMERGENCIES.—This Act does not apply to any aircraft—

(1) experiencing an in-flight emergency;

(2) participating in search and rescue, firefighting or police emergency operations;

(3) carrying out park administration or maintenance operations; or

(4) complying with air traffic control instructions.

(b) FLIGHTS BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT.—This Act does not apply to flights by military aircraft, except that the Secretary of Defense is encouraged to work jointly with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of the Interior in pursuing means to mitigate the impact of military flights over units.

(c) FLIGHTS FOR COMMERCIAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.—The Director and the Administrator shall jointly develop restrictions and fee schedules for aircraft or rotorcraft engaged in commercial aerial photography over units at altitudes that the Director and the Administrator determine will impact adversely the resources and values of affected units.

SEC. 9. NATIONAL PARK OVERFLIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a commission to be known as the "National Park Overflight Advisory Council".

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall be comprised of the following members:

(A) Members from each of the following groups, appointed jointly by the Director and the Administrator:

(i) Environmental or conservation organizations, citizens' groups, and other groups with similar interests.

(ii) The commercial air tour industry and organizations with similar interests.

(B) Representatives of departments or agencies of the Federal Government.

(C) Such other persons as the Administrator and the Director consider appropriate.

(c) DUTIES.—The Council shall—

(1) determine the effects of commercial air tour flights in the airspace over the units on the environment of the units;

(2) determine the economic effects of restrictions or prohibitions on the flights;

(3) solicit and receive comments from interested individuals and groups on the flights;

(4) develop recommendations for means of reducing the adverse effects of the flights on the units;

(5) explore financial and other incentives that could encourage manufacturers to advance the state-of-the-art in quiet aircraft and rotorcraft technology and encourage commercial air tour operators to implement the technology in flights over units;

(6) provide comments and recommendations to the Director and the Administrator under section 4;

(7) provide advice or recommendations to the Director, the Administrator, and other appropriate individuals and groups on matters relating to flights over units; and

(8) carry out such other activities as the Director and the Administrator jointly consider appropriate.

(d) MEETINGS.—The Council shall first meet not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and shall meet thereafter at the call of a majority of the members of the Council.

(e) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) COMPENSATION OF NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS.—Members of the Council who are not officers or employees of the Federal Government shall serve without compensation for their work on the Council, but shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under section 5703(b) of title 5, United States Code, to the extent funds are available for that purpose.

(2) COMPENSATION OF FEDERAL MEMBERS.—Members of the Council who are officers or employees of the Federal Government shall serve without compensation for their work on the Council other than that compensation received in their regular public employment, but shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law, to the extent funds are available for that purpose.

(f) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the initial meeting of the Council, and annually thereafter, the Council shall submit to Congress, the Administrator, and the Director a report that—

(1) describes the activities of the Council under this section during the preceding year; and

(2) sets forth the findings and recommendations of the Council on matters related to the mitigation of the effects on units of flights of commercial air tour operators over units.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

SEC. 10. EXEMPTION FOR STATE OF ALASKA.

Nothing in this Act shall affect—

(1) the management of units in the State of Alaska; or

(2) any aircraft operations over or within units in the State of Alaska.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr.

HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to reform the Federal election campaign laws applicable to Congress.

S. 268

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. THOMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 268, a bill to regulate flights over national parks, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6—RELATIVE TO AFGHANISTAN

Mr. DODD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 6

Whereas Congress recognizes that the legacy of civil conflict in Afghanistan during the last 17 years has had a devastating effect on the civilian population in that country and a particularly negative impact on the rights and security of women and girls;

Whereas the longstanding civil conflict in Afghanistan among the warring political and military factions has created an environment where the rights of women and girls are routinely violated;

Whereas the Afghan forces led by Burhanuddin Rabbani and Abdul Rashid Dostum are responsible for numerous abhorrent human rights abuses, including the rape, sexual abuse, torture, abduction, and persecution of women and girls;

Whereas Congress is disturbed by the upsurge of reported human rights abuses, including extreme restrictions placed on women and girls, since the Taliban coalition seized the capital city of Kabul;

Whereas Afghanistan is a sovereign nation and must work to solve its internal disputes; and

Whereas Afghanistan and the United States recognize international human rights conventions, such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, which espouse respect for basic human rights of all individuals without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, or gender: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That (a) Congress hereby—

(1) deplores the violations of international humanitarian law by the Taliban coalition in Afghanistan and raises concern over the reported cases of stoning, public executions, and street beatings;

(2) condemns the Taliban's targeted discrimination against women and girls and expresses deep concern regarding the prohibition of employment and education for women and girls; and

(3) takes note of the recent armed conflict in Kabul, affirms the need for peace negotiations and expresses hope that the Afghan parties will agree to a cease-fire throughout the country.

(b) It is the sense of Congress that the President should—

(1) continue to monitor the human rights situation in Afghanistan and should call for an end to discrimination against women and girls in Afghanistan and for adherence by all factions in Afghanistan to international humanitarian law;

(2) review United States policy with respect to Afghanistan if the Taliban coalition and others do not cease immediately the harassment and other discriminatory practices against women and girls;